

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Office Action of November 14, 2005 in which claims 1-24 were examined. In the Office Action, claims 1-15, 17-19 and 21-24 were rejected and claims 16 and 20 objected to.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 9 and 10 and claim 11 has been amended to depend from claim 1. Claim 1 therefore now includes limitations similar to the objected to claims 16 and 20. Allowance of amended claim 1 is now believed to be appropriate.

Regarding claim 14, claim 16 has been cancelled and its limitations inserted into claim 14. Similarly, the limitations of claims 15 and 20 have been combined with those of claim 14 and made into a new independent claim 25. Therefore, claims 15 and 20 have been cancelled.

The objections to the claims have been obviated by removing the informalities pointed out by the Examiner. Similarly, the indefiniteness rejection of claim 1 and its dependent claims has been overcome by inserting positive steps delimiting how the use is actually practiced. Withdrawal of the objections and rejections of the claims due to the informalities pointed out by the Examiner and the indefiniteness rejection is requested.

As pointed out above, the novelty and obviousness rejections should also be overcome due to the above amendments.

The objections and rejections of the Office Action of November 14, 2005 having been obviated by amendment or shown to be inapplicable, withdrawal thereof is requested and passage of the amended claims to issue is solicited.

Although a petition for extension of time for 3 months with the appropriate fee is enclosed, the Director is authorized to treat this amendment as a petition and to debit our deposit account 23-0442 the appropriate fee if for some reason the petition is faulty or not received or if the fee is insufficient.

Respectfully submitted,

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